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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17, applicants hereby petition for a ONE (1) month extension of time from December 7, 2005 to January 7, 2006 to file an Appeal Brief.

If there are any other fees due in connection with this response, please charge the required amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

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